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In the news



Man charged after running onto U.S. Open court

An Ecuadorian tourist who ran out onto the court after a U.S. Open match Wednesday was arrested Thursday. Damian Proano ran out onto the court following the singles match played by Novak Djokovic, above, and Stanislas Wawrinka. He faces up to one year in jail. • METRO

Deliver us from NY's food delivery people

► City Council discusses legislation to fine restaurants for their 'scofflaw' delivery cyclists ► Some propose businesses start buying bike safety gear

Restaurants should have no excuse for failing to outfit their delivery bikers in bright, safe clothing, Bronx Councilman Jimmy Vacca said Thursday.

Vacca held the first hearing that day for a fleet of bike bills that would stiffen penalties for restaurants who use delivery cyclists.

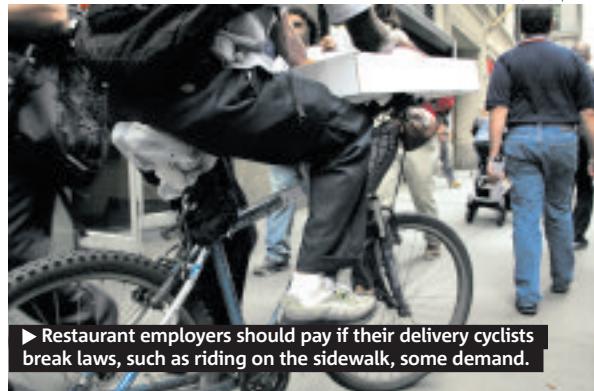
The legislation creates a fine of up to \$250 for breaking laws requiring businesses to provide lights, helmets, bells and vests to keep cyclists visible and safe.

The proposed group of bills would allow Department of Transportation officials to fine restaurant owners for not having lights and bells at the ready.

The DOT will send inspectors to restaurants to check for things like helmets, Vacca said.

"With these bills in place, there will be no more excuses," Vacca said.

Upper West Side Council



► Restaurant employers should pay if their delivery cyclists break laws, such as riding on the sidewalk, some demand.

woman Gale Brewer said it also relieves pressure on NYPD officers, who will no longer need to "chase down commercial bicycle scofflaws." Instead, the police can focus on fighting crime and can entrust some of that job to the DOT.

The bill is known as Stuart's

Law in honor of Stuart Gruskin, who was killed in 2009 by a delivery biker riding the wrong way on a one-way street.

"Nothing will bring Stuart back to us, but he would be proud that his tragedy helped others through a law that provides needed education and can

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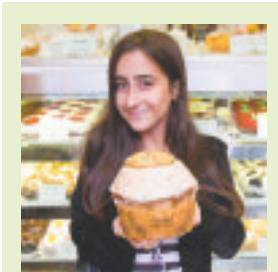
"New Yorkers expect their food deliveries to arrive fast, but commercial cyclists cannot break traffic rules to accomplish the goal."

COUNCILMAN DANIEL GARODNICK

prevent other families from suffering like we have," his wife Nancy said.

Vacca said he is hoping for a vote on the bills before the end of the year.

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She'll be eating 200 cupcakes

BRYANT PARK. As part of a promotion Metro did with Crumbs cupcake shop in a 1,000-cupcake giveaway, Metro reader Christina Sees won the grand prize of 200 cupcakes. She poses above at Crumbs' Bryant Park location, holding a plus-sized cupcake.

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Teacher pleads guilty to sexual contact with one of his students

QUEENS. A New York City public school teacher pleaded guilty to having a sexual relationship with a 13-year-old student, prosecutors announced yesterday. Queens District Attorney Richard Brown said Charles Oross, 45, was an eighth-grade teacher at the Susan B. Anthony School on 182nd Street. The judge is expected to sentence Oross to up to six months in jail and require him to register as a sex offender. "It is both sad and disturbing that a school teacher preyed on a vulnerable young girl for sexual favors," Brown said. "Such behavior will not be tolerated."

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Ryan Lochte in New York for Fashion Week

NEW YORK. Swimmer-turned-celebrity Ryan Lochte is in town to take in everything Fashion Week has to offer and do reporting for E! while he's at it. He was spotted in the front row of the Joseph Abboud menswear show at the New York Public Library Wednesday. • METRO/CB

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► The last time multiple blimps flew together in New York City was in 1986, for the 100th anniversary of the Statue of Liberty.

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A parade of blimps floats across Lower Manhattan

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Companies using WTC as rent bargaining chip

► One World Trade Center scheduled to open in 2014, but only about 55 percent of its office space is leased

Companies renegotiating their property leases in New York are seeking lower rents by playing the World Trade Center card — threatening to move to the towers rising from the rubble of the 9/11 attacks.

But many brokers and landlords say they're just bluffing. The WTC is struggling to fill its millions of square feet of office space at the southern edge of Manhattan amid a real estate slowdown all across the city. It is so bad that construction is set to be halted on two of the four towers planned for the WTC complex until tenants sign up.

The problem: The banks,

law firms, advertising and accounting firms that dominate New York are comfortable in Midtown. In many cases, they are close to their clients, and transport links are convenient for people living in most parts of the region. Plus, Lower Manhattan has fewer amenities, such as shops and restaurants.

For some, there is another concern that is often left unsaid: Will staff be uneasy moving to a place that was the target of such a horrific attack, as well as the 1993 truck-bombing? Despite very tight security, could the WTC become a target again?

"Lower Manhattan in my mind has always been a second-tier location to Midtown Manhattan," said James Meiskin, president of real estate brokerage Plymouth Partners Ltd. The 9/11 attacks only diminished the area's standing, he said. "If you don't have to go downtown, why would you?"

One broker said clients have used the WTC as a negotiating ploy. "We have been hired by tenants and they've said to us, 'We do not want to go downtown. If we need to consider Downtown to help the negotiation process for Midtown, we will do that.'" **REUTERS**



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► Rents are cheaper at the WTC site, \$75 to \$80 per square foot, compared to rents reaching \$120 and more in Midtown.

Still hope to fill up WTC

To be sure, there is hope for the WTC site. It often takes years for large office buildings to fill up. For the Empire State Building and the original WTC towers, it took decades.

An upgraded transportation system could drive demand for WTC office space. Traveling to and from the WTC will get easier, thanks to two new transit hubs linking city subways and trains to the suburbs, one on the WTC site and the other nearby at Fulton Street.

"When the transportation hubs open, the perception of downtown will start to change," said Moshe Sukenik, of real estate services company Newmark Grubb Knight Frank.

At the same time, downtown neighborhoods, such as Wall Street and Battery Park City, are attracting young people. So for some, a commute to the rebuilt towers is easy.



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S&P hits high after four years, Euro bond buyout

NEW YORK. The S&P 500 jumped to a more than four-year high on Thursday as a new bond-buying program in Europe was hailed as an effective way to contain the region's debt crisis.

Positive sentiment was also lifted by bullish data on the U.S. services sector and labor market.

The rally was broad, with materials, financials and industrials — all groups tied to the pace of economic growth — leading the way with gains of more than 2 percent. Advancers outnumbered decliners by a ratio of more than 4 to 1 while the Dow had its biggest gain in two months and the Nasdaq advanced to its highest level since 2000. **REUTERS**

No sign of convention bounce yet for Barack Obama in latest poll

So far, U.S. President Barack Obama has not received much of a bounce yet in popular support from the Democratic National Convention, a Reuters/Ipsos poll found on Thursday.

"We're not seeing a sort of glimmer, at this point, of a bump," said Ipsos pollster Julia Clark.

The online survey included questions to voters on Wednesday before former President Bill Clinton's well-received speech on the convention floor, so Clinton's influence has not yet been taken into account.

Obama's wife, Michelle Obama, delivered an electrifying speech on Tuesday, and those



► President Obama is looking for a bump in the polls.

polled for the Thursday poll would have had the chance to have heard her.

Clark said Obama could get a delayed bounce. Romney began his Tampa convention last week behind Obama, 46 per-

cent to 42 percent, before taking a small lead.

"I do think we probably will see a small bump still. Maybe we won't start seeing it until Friday, Saturday or Sunday. I think it will be very modest,"

Clark said.

The findings are from an Ipsos poll conducted for Reuters from Sept. 2-6. For the survey, a sample of 1,623 American registered voters was interviewed online.

The precision of the Reuters/Ipsos online polls is measured using a credibility interval. In this case, the poll has a credibility interval of plus or minus 2.8 percentage points for all respondents.

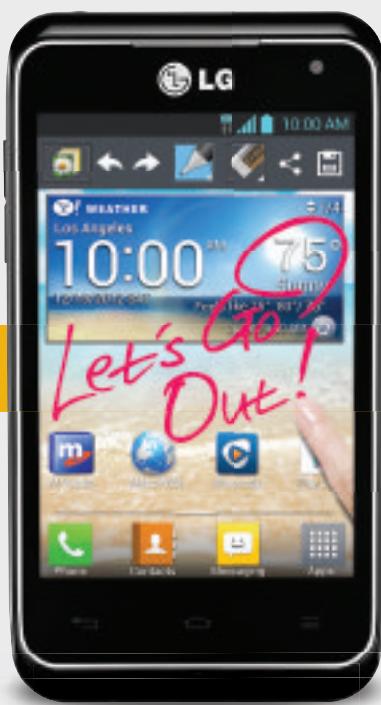
While conventions normally produce a tick up in support for candidates, this year seems different with many Americans having already divided into opposing sides. **REUTERS**

Clinton hailed on Twitter, but beaten by NFL in ratings

Former President Bill Clinton fired up the Democratic National Convention and sparked more than 22,000 tweets per minute, but several million more Americans tuned into football than watched him on television.

Some 21 million Americans watched

the National Football League's season kickoff game on NBC between the Dallas Cowboys and the New York Giants on Wednesday night, dwarfing the 7.5 million who watched Clinton's lengthy, humorous and detail-heavy address on the ABC and CBS networks, according to Nielsen data. **REUTERS**



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In the news



► Fallen Hero Memorial

Fort Hood accused is ordered to shave

NEW YORK. The man accused of killing 13 people at the Fort Hood army base has been told to shave his beard before his murder trial — or have it forcibly removed.

Major Nidal Hasan said he had grown it in compliance with his Muslim faith.

But a military judge said Hasan had failed to prove sincere religious reasons for the beard, which is against army regulations.  METRO

Olympic star Gabby Douglas to pen memoir at age 16

Sixteen-year-old Olympic gold medalist Gabby Douglas plans to write an "inspirational memoir" that will be published later this year, People Magazine said on Thursday.

Douglas made history in London at the 2012 Summer Olympics when she became the first African-American to win the gold medal in the all-round individual gymnastics competition.

"Even before I competed in

"Even before I competed in the Olympics, I always wanted to write a book."

DOUGLAS TOLD PEOPLE MAGAZINE



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► Douglas with her gold

the Olympics, I always wanted to write a book," Douglas told the magazine, adding it will detail how much she and her family overcame to achieve her Olympic dream.

Douglas, who took home two Olympic gold medals, left her family in Virginia when she was 12 years old to train with a new coach in Iowa.

The book, "Grace, Gold and Glory, My Leap of Faith" will be published by the Zondervan division of HarperCollins in December.

"Gabby Douglas shines even more brightly than her Olympic Gold Medals. The reason is her inner strength and strong faith," Lisa Sharkey, Harper's vice president said in a statement. 

News in brief

Lumia flop prompts Nokia to cut price of older models

Loss-making Nokia has slashed prices of its older smartphone models using Microsoft Windows software, industry sources said on Thursday, a day after investors gave its latest Lumia phones a rapid thumbs-down.

Two industry sources told Reuters that the Finnish group, which is struggling to recoup ground lost to its



rivals, cut the price of its mid-range Lumia 800 Windows Phone by around 15 percent this week and made smaller reductions on other Windows models.

Nokia shares continued falling as the firm unveiled two new Windows Phone models. 

Nokia sorry for fake Lumia video

Nokia has apologized after it emerged that an advert featuring video footage which appeared to have been filmed with its new flagship

smartphone, the Nokia 920, had in fact been created using different equipment.

The Verge tech site revealed the issue after it noticed a window reflection of a cameraman holding what appeared to be an SLR camera.

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More top picks

**'This Must Be the Place'**

Nov. 2 (limited)
Much like his breathtaking transformation for "Milk," Sean Penn is almost unrecognizable in lipstick and a bushy black wig here as Cheyenne, an aging rock star in retirement. After a missed opportunity to say goodbye to his dying father, Cheyenne goes on a mission to kill the man that had taunted his dad in Auschwitz.

'Anna Karenina'

Nov. 16th (limited)
Keira Knightley has been spending a lot of time in corsets lately. In addition to last year's "A Dangerous Method," she now takes on the infamous title character of Leo Tolstoy's 1877 novel.

WEEKEND

FALL MOVIE GUIDE: BACK TO BETTER

► We've had our fun all summer long with silly comic book films, star-packed action movies and our fair share of mediocre comedies ► As the weather gets cooler, the more serious-minded fare makes its way into the local cinema — but it's bringing along the next James Bond installment, some family flicks and a horror film or two

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Oscar bait**SEPTEMBER****'The Master,' Sept. 14**

You could all but hand the Oscar statuette over to Paul Thomas Anderson, so big is the buzz for this film that is rumored to be loosely based on the life of Scientology founder Ron L. Hubbard.

'Trouble with the Curve,' Sept. 21

We're hoping everyone's over the now-infamous RNC empty chair incident once Clint Eastwood makes an appearance with this film about an aging baseball talent scout who takes his daughter on a last recruiting trip.

OCTOBER**'Argo,' Oct. 12**

Ben Affleck solidifies his status as a top-flight Hollywood director with his third film behind the camera, this one centering on a CIA "exfiltration" specialist who plans to free six Americans in hiding during the 1979 Iran hostage crisis.

'Seven Psychopaths,' Oct. 12

From Martin McDonagh, the man who brought us "In Bruges," comes a quirky ensemble comedy about a part-time dog thief who swipes the wrong shih-tzu — that of a psychotic gangster played by Woody Harrelson.

'Killing Them Softly,' Oct. 19

Brad Pitt is already getting high praise for this thriller about an enforcer (Pitt) who investigates a heist that

**November
'Lincoln'****Nov. 9**

Daniel Day-Lewis, Spielberg and Sally Field? Wrap it up, we'll take it. This look at the 16th president's struggle to negotiate the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution is all but guaranteed a few awards nods later in the year.

DAVID JAMES

occurred during a mob-protected poker game.

'The Sessions,' Oct. 26 (limited)

John Hawkes, William H. Macy and Helen Hunt star in this gentle story about a man with an iron lung (Hawkes) who, while entering middle age, seeks the help of a professional sex surrogate (Hunt) in order to lose his virginity.

NOVEMBER**'Flight,' Nov. 2**

Like an alternative universe scenario of Captain Chesley Sullenberger, this Robert Zemeckis film, starring Denzel Washington, centers on one pilot who saves his plane from disaster. Unfortunately for the hero, an investigation into the incident offers some damning evidence against him.

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► Tom Hanks and Halle Berry are romantic partners in the many time periods of "Cloud Atlas."

October**'Cloud Atlas'****Oct. 26**

Eyeballs will explode and minds will be blown — so we hear —

by this ambitious Wachowski Brothers adaptation of the multidimensional novel by David Mitchell. Tom Hanks and Halle Berry play several characters in the past, present and future.



► Suraj Sharma makes his acting debut in "Life of Pi."

November**'Life of Pi'****Nov. 21 (limited)**

Director Ang Lee may make his comeback after 2009's

egregious dud, "Taking Woodstock." This 3-D adaptation of the 2001 book of the same name promises to be magical, mystical and loaded with exotic animals behaving strangely.

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fall movie guide

JOHN P. JOHNSON



► Jonny Weston, as a novice surfer, seeks out the sage wisdom of a local legend, played by Gerard Butler, in "Chasing Mavericks."

Honorable mentions

While these films didn't quite make the critics' short list for must-see movies, there's plenty of thought-provoking filmmaking here that could make some waves with audiences.

SEPTEMBER

'Arbitrage,' Sept. 21

Richard Gere stars in this complex film about a hedge fund magnate who finds himself beholden to an unlikely person while trying to offload his trading empire.

'End of Watch,' Sept. 21

September

KERRY HAYES



'Won't Back Down'

Sept. 28

Let's get all "power to the people" with this uplifting David and Goliath story about two mothers (Viola Davis and Maggie Gyllenhaal) who band together to make changes in their local inner-city schools.

October **'Chasing Mavericks'**

Oct. 26

Based on the real-life story of surfer Jay Moriarity, this film starring Gerard Butler and Elizabeth Shue explores what happens when a local surfing legend (Butler) takes a young upstart (Jonny Weston) under his tutelage.

tongue in this French film about a young man who falls in love with a killer whale trainer, directed by Jacques Audiard.

MILLENNIUM ENTERTAINMENT



October **'The Paperboy'**

Oct. 5

All we keep hearing about this film is a strange Zac Efron/Nicole Kidman urination scene, but the story about a journalist (Matthew McConaughey) investigating a wrongful conviction with his brother (Efron) and the inmate's girlfriend (Kidman) should prove to generate buzz in less scintillating respects.

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Action films

The fall movie season isn't only about high-minded awards-bait. James Bond and a few very able heroic counterparts will be blasting their way through the chilly months as well.

SEPTEMBER**'Stolen' Sept. 14**

Oh Nicolas Cage, what awesome one-liners can you give us that will make their way into another



► "I am the law!"

great supercut of your strangest onscreen moments? We're hoping there will be plenty in this action film about a former thief searching for his kidnapped daughter.

OCTOBER**'Taken 2' Oct. 5**

Liam Neeson is going on an awfully long streak of playing bad-ass rebels who make no apologies — and we're glad to welcome another installment to that series, this time with a sequel to his 2008 Luc Besson film.

JOE ALBLAS

September**'Dredd 3-D'****Sept. 21**

Like any other film set in the future, this take on the comic book "Judge Dredd" finds us in an irradiated nightmare wherein the police force acts as judge, jury and executioner.

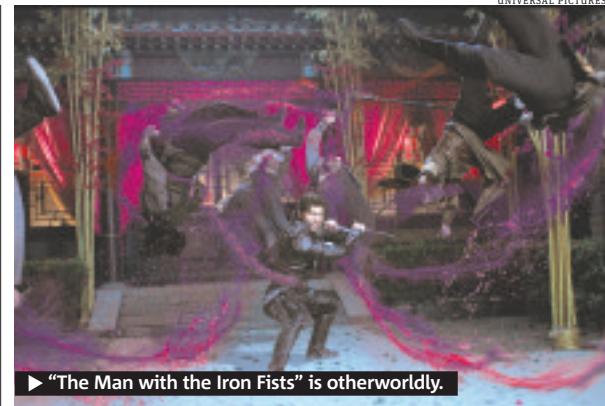


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November**'Skyfall'****Nov. 9**

The world has been waiting for this 23rd Bond film for quite some time, with only the announcement of Bond

girl Naomie Harris as a quantum of solace (sorry, couldn't help it) Javier Bardem serves as 007's nemesis and Sam Mendes directs. Daniel Craig, of course, continues his reign as the smoldering spy.



► "The Man with the Iron Fists" is otherworldly.

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'Alex Cross' Oct. 19

Tyler Perry in an action film? Oh yes, it is happening. The famous purveyor of sitcoms, rom-coms and "Madea" movies takes a serious turn in this procedural crime film based on the James Patterson novel, "Cross."

NOVEMBER**'Red Dawn' Nov. 21**

Could a bunch of teenagers defend their small Washington home town from an invasion of the North Korean military? Chris Hemsworth, Josh Hutcherson and Jeffrey Dean Morgan will help us find out.

November**'The Man with the Iron Fists'****Nov. 2**

Co-written, co-starring and directed by RZA, with additional cast members Russell Crowe and Lucy Liu, this martial arts mayhem boasts a killer soundtrack with contributions from Kanye West, Method Man, The Wu-Tang Clan, Ghostface Killah and RZA himself.

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September

'The Perks of Being a Wallflower'**Sept. 21 (limited)**

Stephen Chbosky's book by the same name has often been considered a modern classic in young adult literature. Directed by the author, this film also boasts Emma Watson in her first post-Potter outing.

Date Night

There's nothing like a movie that examines the nature of relationships to put your own under the microscope, but these selections will make the process less painful.

SEPTEMBER**"Liberal Arts" Sept. 14**

Auteur-in-training Josh Radnor follows up the success of "Happythankyoumoreplease" with a film about a 30-something writer who returns to his alma mater, only to find himself powerfully drawn to a young co-ed (Elizabeth Olsen).

"10 Years" Sept. 14

High school reunions are such fertile ground for messy, sentimental hook-ups, but in the case of Jake (Channing Tatum) it may offer an opportunity to rekindle the romance with classmate Mary (Rosario Dawson).

OCTOBER**"Pitch Perfect" Oct. 5**

Find yourself having "Glee"

**November****'Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn – Part Two'****November 16**

Hopefully all your tears will have dried from the demise of Robsten by the time promotion of this film requires that the two actors offer squirm-inducing explanations for their public breakup during an excruciating series of interviews. There's not enough ice cream in the world that will make this better.

NOVEMBER**"Silver Linings Playbook"****Nov. 21**

It's a bit hard to imagine Bradley Cooper as a broken man freshly checked out of the mental institution, but we think he has the chops to convince us.

withdrawal? Hollywood will keep you supplied with the high school musical smack that'll keep you going till the next fix. Anna Kendrick, Christopher Mintz-Plasse and Brittany Snow star in this film about an all-girls a-capella group determined to crush their male opponents in a

singing competition.

"Nobody Walks" Oct. 12**(limited)**

John Krasinski, Olivia Thirlby and Rosemarie DeWitt make up a bizarre love triangle in which, as the title indicates, no one really gets off easy.

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Hell-raising horror

Autumn is high season for the year's strongest horror film offerings and this year promises not to disappoint, with a few franchise favorites and some gory new stories.



► Jennifer Lawrence

SEPTEMBER

'House at the End of the Street'
Sept. 21

Jennifer Lawrence sheds her plainspoken survival-girl persona for this horror film about the new kid in town who befriends a neighbor who is more haunted by his sister's death than the average mourner.



OCTOBER

'Sinister'
Oct. 5

Ethan Hawke stars in this spooky caper in which an author finds old 16mm film in the attic of his new home that gives evidence of the family that was murdered in it years before. Their demise could soon spell his own.

'Paranormal Activity 4'

Oct. 19

With the "Saw" franchise dead and buried — for now anyway — it's nice to know we can rely on another film to be made over and over again every year but with slight variations. Thank you, "Paranormal Activity 4," for filling that void.

October

'V/H/S'

Oct. 5

Already known as one of the most innovative horror films of the year, "V/H/S" is a pastiche of six short films, held together by the story of two men sent into the home of a dead recluse to find one particularly valuable VHS tape.

MAGNET RELEASING

Cackle-worthy comedy

For a serious season, the fall serves up laughs in equal measure.

OCTOBER

'Butter' Oct. 5

Just in time to capture the election day fervor that will be sweeping the nation in a month's time, this satire about a small town's butter sculpting competition is sure to strike a chord with cynics of the electoral process.

October

'Here Comes the Boom'

Oct. 12

If you enjoyed last summer's "The Zookeeper" (and seriously, shame on you if you did), then you are sure to love the next collaboration from filmmaker Frank Coraci and Adam Sandler's pal Kevin James.

'The Big Wedding' Oct. 26
Robert DeNiro, Diane Keaton, Susan Sarandon and Robin Williams star in this comedy about divorcees (DeNiro and Keaton) who must pretend to be married in order to satisfy their son's future in-laws.

'Fun Size'

It's not often that Halloween acts as the backdrop to anything other than a horror film, but this comedy starring Johnny Knoxville and Chelsea Handler shows what can go wrong at a Halloween party besides stabby mask-wearing freaks making an appearance.



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For the family

Kid-friendly films are churned out all year, but this season offers some of the most attractive and innovative animated movies that all are, shockingly, not sequels.

SEPTEMBER**'Finding Nemo'** Sept. 14

The modern classic about a timid clown fish in search of his father gets the 3-D treatment.

'Hotel Transylvania' Sept. 28

The Adam Sandler fraternity that includes Kevin James, David Spade, Jon Lovitz and Andy Samberg gives voice to this animated feature about Dracula's lavish resort for monsters craving a human-free vacation.

OCTOBER**'Frankenweenie'** Oct. 5

Tim Burton rarely fails when it comes to kooky animated features, and this film about a boy's quest to reanimate his dog should be no different. Shockingly, Burton's wife, Helena Bonham Carter, is not in the cast — but Winona Ryder is.



► Video game villains meet in the animated film "Wreck-It Ralph."

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► A boy and his "Frankenweenie."

November**'Wreck-It Ralph'****Nov. 2**

If there's one animated feature Metro is dying to see this season, it's this 8-bit video game adventure. John C. Reilly voices the title character who,

growing tired of his villain status, seeks to become a hero — but unleashes a deadly enemy in the process. The film is loaded with great comic talents such as Mindy Kaling, Jane Lynch, Jack McBrayer, Sarah Silverman and Horatio Sanz.

NOVEMBER**'Rise of the Guardians'** Nov. 21

You can't exactly call it a "Shrek" knockoff, but this 3-D animated film — featuring characters like Santa Claus, Jack Frost, the Sandman, the Tooth Fairy and the Easter Bunny — does bear a striking resemblance. Featuring the voice acting of Chris Pine, Alec Baldwin, Jude Law, Hugh Jackman and Isla Fisher, "Guardians" must be worth its mettle to draw such a strong cast.

Review**'The Words'****Grade:**

Words fail us. Or rather, "The Words" failed us. A movie about the beauty of language should be better written than this. Let's put aside the bizarre story-within-a-story-within-a-movie structure for a second and focus on the words themselves. We are supposed to believe the Dennis Quaid character is a master wordsmith, but when he reads from his book, it's as if he's reciting a police report. "And on a Friday afternoon, they were married at City Hall. They honeymooned in Paris." Where's the art in that?

Perhaps it was seen as another opportunity for different characters to mouth platitudes. The blurred line between real life and fiction could have been an interesting plot device, but instead is just pretentious and dull. Are we supposed to take any of this seriously when the deepest any character gets is to tell us that great artists must choose between life and fiction? "They're very close, but they're two different things." Thanks for clearing that up.

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► Melanie Lynskey discusses 'Hello I Must Be Going,' in which she stars as a confused divorcee who falls in love with a much younger man

Melanie Lynskey's latest film, "Hello I Must Be Going," centers on an affair between her adult divorcee character and the 19-year-old son of one of her dad's clients. Touchy material, to be sure, but Lynskey is proud that the relationship is presented as "not creepy." A native of New Zealand who's been making a career in the U.S. for more than a decade, Lynskey admits she worries about losing her roots.

It's always fun to see a movie with a flawed protagonist. Was that part of the appeal?

I just loved that the character was such a mess in the beginning, and I loved how patient the movie was with that. It really just settled into the depression of it. She's not trying to help herself. She's depressed and she's not trying to do anything about it. She's annoying,

she's sitting around in a dirty old T-shirt. She would drive me crazy if she was staying with me. I'd be like, "Get the f--- out, get your s--- together."

How have other people's reactions been?

Most people are like, "I expected to think it was really creepy, and then I didn't really think about it." So that's been nice. A couple of times there's been a weird reaction from older men who are like, "Well, what would he ever see in her? That seems very implausible." And I'm like, "All right, whatever." It's a very insulting thing to say, but I feel like it says more about them than it does about me.

There's a great lesson for your character in this about learning how to be loved.

My therapist said to me at one point, if you're not sort of working on yourself and getting past whatever your dam-



She's a mess. 'I loved that.'

age is from your past, your unconscious does all the work for you and makes your romantic choices for you.



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sort of like, "Well, you've lost your accent and you're not a real New Zealander." So I feel like I don't exist anywhere. I'm betraying New Zealanders because I have hard R's now.



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Design the menu around your guests

"If you have a guest list of people you know well and you know that a certain person likes a certain dish, it is nice to make it for them because it shows you're thinking about them and what pleases them," Lakshmi says. "The No. 1 thing that a good host or hostess should remember is that hosting a party is about making others feel welcome. It's about making other people feel loved and thought about and making other people have a good time."

Prep early so you can enjoy yourself

"The No. 1 key to having a good party — whether it's a cocktail party or a barbecue or a formal dinner party — is when the host is relaxed," Lakshmi explains. "The way to ensure that is preparation. Don't wait until the last minute to go shopping or plan your menu. Try to plan a menu that has at least half or two-thirds of the items on it that can be made ahead. ... You want to make things that are easy on you. Nobody comes to a party for the food; they actually really come to the party for the people."



► Though Padma Lakshmi shared her advice with us, she's really interested in seeing your best party-planning tips: As the spokeswoman for Sterling Vineyards Ultimate Host campaign, she's looking for one amazing entertainer via Sterling's Facebook page (www.facebook.com/sterlingvineyards). The winner will nab \$25,000, a trip to the Sterling Vineyards campus in Napa, plus a vacation to the Food & Wine Festival in Pebble Beach, Calif.

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Three weeks before: Send invitations

"I think you want to give people time to make room in their schedule for the party ... whether [your invite is] just an e-mail or a phone call sayin', 'Hey, I want to have you over for dinner, how does three Thursdays from now look?'"

Within the week of the party: Get a guest headcount

"If I'm planning a dinner party for six, that's different than a cocktail party for 60 or a buffet for 36."

Three or four days before: Start stocking up

"There's some things, like flowers and fruit, that you want to buy three or four days in advance so they have a chance to bloom, to ripen. ... Talk to your florist: Say, 'What days do the flowers come in? They'll tell you."

The day of: Buy any last-minute items, and prepare what you can in advance

"Fish you always want to buy the day of, you want it to be fresh. ... Make a salad, make a quiche, warm the quiche up in the oven. Make a roast that you can turn the oven off at 3 and it just stays warm and you can slice it tableside."

Serve a buffet

"If it's a dinner party for more than six or eight people, I always do it buffet," Lakshmi admits. "It allows your guests to mingle with other people rather than just the person to their left and right, and [it] allows you to have more guests rolling in and out."

Choose the right music

"Music is important in the beginning, especially when the first guests are arriving — [so] there's not crickets or silence," Lakshmi says. "If you're planning a soundtrack, you should plan it for the whole evening: maybe cocktail music at the start. During dinner I like jazz or classical, mostly instrumental, because I'm interested in the conversation."

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The ceremony

Ocean of emotion

In his hosting duties, comedian **Kevin Hart** managed to make fun of people while seeming like he was the most compassionate man on the planet. He arrived with a group of little people acting as his security detail, saying that MTV made a mistake when he asked for "a little security." He then humorously detailed other mistakes made by a lot of the celebrities in the crowd, touching upon the beef between **Chris Brown** and **Drake** and **Kristen Stewart**'s infidelity. He even made fun of **Frank Ocean** coming out of the closet, but in a tactful way, of course.

The only problem with Hart making fun of **Frank Ocean** was that Frank Ocean was absolutely amazing in his performance of "Thinking About You." Accompanied only by an electric guitarist, he sang the song in a set made to look like a seaside campfire. He nailed his flowing falsetto notes, but as he sang the chorus, the joke that Hart made kept coming to mind — the host had said that Ocean originally sang, "I've been thinking about you, LeRoy" when he meant to sing, "I've been thinking about you, Lisa."



► Frank Ocean was an early highlight of last night's VMAs.

THE WORD

Metro's **Monica Weymouth** shares her take on the world of gossip [@monicaatmetro](#) monica.weymouth@metro.us

— Today's Word was written by Pat Healy

The MTV VMAs: What's shocking is that nothing's shocking here

It's a ceremony celebrated for its controversy, so it makes perfect sense that **Rihanna** kicked off the 2012 MTV Video Music Awards with her new single, "Cockiness," which begins with the little bit more than suggestive lyric, "suck my cockiness." But what was surprising about the good girl gone bad was that she was covered up like **Lauryn Hill** climbing Mt. Everest.

Pink began her segment by playing keyboards and drums, but that may have actually been the most shocking part of her act. Though she was accompanied by giant confetti-spewing mouths wearing lingerie,



► Kevin Hart rocks out with Green Day, who brought a brief moment of near-anarchy when they invited fans onstage.

her performance of the also provocatively titled "(Blow Me) One Last Kiss" was quite tame due to the bleeping of lyrics.

Many of the performances

had a vibe of muted controversy. But what is perhaps most shocking is that **Chris Brown** still receives awards at these things.

Talking points



► Arnett and Poehler

Poehler and Arnett split

There's so much going on in couples news that we're making this a special couples edition of Talking Points. Sadly, after nine years of marriage, beloved funny couple **Amy Poehler** and **Will Arnett** announced yesterday that they are splitting. Us Weekly reports that a source close to the couple says "It's very amicable." The pair have two sons and had been an item since 2000, a year before Poehler hit it big on "Saturday Night Live," and three years before Arnett began his work on "Arrested Development."

VMA pregnancy announcement (reprise)

Following in the footsteps of Beyoncé, at last night's VMAs,



► Khalifa and Rose (and their impending kid beneath her hand)

Wiz Khalifa and **Amber Rose** announced that they're expecting a little one. Just a few weeks after she was photographed sporting an engagement ring the pair, went public last night.

Perry and Mayer, hot 'n' cold

It's getting tough for folks to keep up with **Katy Perry's** romance with **John Mayer**. Two weeks ago, the pair was supposedly off when Mayer dumped Perry after a couple of months of "casual dating," but that doesn't explain why Perry and Mayer have been spotted together twice in the last week, according to X-17. First, they hit up a Labor Day weekend music festival in downtown L.A., and then just a few days later they were spotted sneaking out of a restaurant after having dinner together. People

who have recently broken up don't usually spend that much time together. Perry was BFFing with Rihanna at the VMAs last night with no Mayer in sight.

The 'Twilight' of a binge?

Friends of **Robert Pattinson** reportedly want the actor to seek treatment for a drinking problem they say he's had for years and has only gotten worse since revelations of girlfriend **Kristen Stewart**'s infidelity came to light, according to Hollyscoop. Pattinson "has a huge drinking problem" and his friends and family "think that he needs to go to rehab," a source says. But apparently his drinking is nothing new, according to the source: "He was drinking every day on the set of 'Cosmopolis' and everyone on the set was aware of this."



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Red carpet**The VMAs:
Looking good
and looking odd**

1 Lessons in owning a red carpet full of flashy young things: **Rihanna** kept it super simple and super elegant in a drapeless backless gown.

2 Attention **Fun.** boys: Fire your stylist. It looks like she just went on eBay and typed in "hipster uniform" as a search term.

3 **Pink** pomped it up.

4 **Miley Cyrus'** punky new 'do made its red carpet debut. And, well, it looked a lot like **Pink**'s old 'do, didn't it?

5 Clearly, the kids from **One Direction** had a little too much fun with their limo's sunroof on the way over.

6 We know, **Ne-Yo** — **Miley Cyrus** does look a little rough.

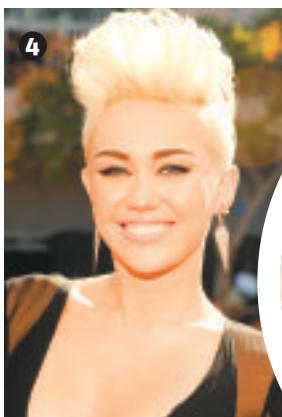
7 At the very real risk of sounding like your mom, we know where **Riff Raff** got his name.

8 Who would have thought that little miss I-brush-my-teeth-with-whiskey would clean up so nice? **Ke\$ha** girl, we're glad you finally showered. Very, umm, Kla\$\$y!

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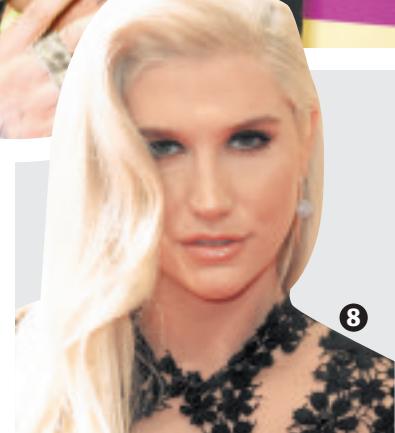
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► Aram Bartholl's DVD Dead Drop brings a 'layer of secrecy and playful adventure' to file sharing at the Museum of the Moving Image

Grasping the facade of the Museum of the Moving Image in Queens, art-seekers may garner some curious stares from passers-by. But that's the only way you're going to find German artist Aram Bartholl's latest project — the DVD Dead Drop. Somewhere embedded on the exterior of the building, he has installed a slot for DVDs. If you find the slot, insert a blank DVD. A Mini Mac in the building eats the disc, and 7 minutes, 12.9 seconds later, spits it out with burned digital content curated by Bartholl.

The dead drop was used in Red Scare-era espionage, according to Bartholl: "In the Cold War times, this was what you used to pass on information. So two spies set an appointment for a secret drop — one spy leaves something, and the other spy gets it later."

The allure of dead drops is

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The estimated storage capacity, in gigabytes, of all Bartholl-inspired dead drops.

the "layer of secrecy and playful adventure," Bartholl adds.

The idea stems from the artist's previous project, USB Dead Drops, which blends street art with defacement of public property. In 2010, Bartholl started the movement by mounting five USB drives in New York City public spaces (three in Manhattan, two in Brooklyn) for offline file sharing. To get the content, you'd have to find the dead drop, bring a laptop and plug the exposed USB cemented in the wall into your computer.

The USB file sharing is



► According to his website, Aram Bartholl is responsible for inspiring 999 verified USB drives hidden in plain sight around the globe. For more info on DVD Dead Drop at the Museum of the Moving Image, visit www.movingimage.us.

New uses for old technology

Aram Bartholl's work prompts conversations about outdated technology, like the USB and DVD. He cites the growth of online cloud storage as the source of the DVD Dead Drop's retro artistic vibe.

"Ten years ago, the drive ... was cutting-edge, new and expensive — why would you just throw it away in a wall?" he says, pondering the speed of advancements.

For Bartholl, the success of his work begins when "people start discussing these issues and raise awareness on how we live in a digital space, and how we're ... giving away our data to Dropbox or Google Cloud."

anonymous, and users can modify or delete old files while adding their content. This makes dead drops open to sabotage by hackers, although Bartholl says viruses have never been a problem.

"This is another idea for the DVD, actually — to make a DVD with all the viruses, like a virus database," Bartholl says with a chuckle. "You get it burned and you don't want to put it on your computer, like a high-toxic disc."

Some of Bartholl's less volatile ideas for future dead drops include "a collection of CD-ROM art from the '90s" and a compilation of speeches from conferences he has attended. He will change the content monthly; the inaugural art exhibition expires on Sept. 15.

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Around town

MoMA PS1 presents Warm Up 2012

Saturday, 2-9 p.m., MoMA PS1, 22-25 Jackson Ave., Queens, \$15, [718-784-2084](tel:718-784-2084), www.momaps1.org

The event series, which has been running since early July and is free for MoMA members and Long Island City residents, focuses on combining "experimental live music, sound, performance and DJs," and will feature a DJ set from Atoms for Peace, whose members include Radiohead's Thom Yorke and the Red Hot Chili Peppers' Flea.

National Theatre Live: 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time'

Saturday, 11 a.m., BAM Rose



► About 50,000 people marched in the 2011 New York City Labor Day Parade.

Cinemas, 30 Lafayette Ave., Brooklyn, \$24, [718-636-4100](tel:718-636-4100), www.bam.org

Part of the first weekend of Brooklyn Academy of Music's "Next Wave Festival," the beloved novel "The Curious Incident," by Mark Haddon, has been adapted for theater by Simon Stephens under the direction of Marianne Elliott.

Labor Day Parade 2012

Saturday, 10 a.m., East 44th Street between Fifth and Vanderbilt avenues, free, [212-604-9552](tel:212-604-9552), www.nycclc.org

Last weekend may have belonged to the West Indian American Carnival Association Parade, but this is the official Labor Day Parade, held the weekend after the holiday. According to the New York City Central Labor Council, about 50,000 people marched in last year's parade to honor the workers of New York.

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► Fifty years of Judson Dance Theater are celebrated by veteran artists and those inspired by the group

Judy Hussie-Taylor, director of the Danspace Project, presents a 10-week tribute to its roots, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the pioneering experiments at Judson Memorial Church. "So many of the artists originally involved are still making work, teaching, touring; they're engaged right now. That seemed exciting and extraordianry," says Hussie-Taylor. These figures, now in their 70s, revolutionized dance by shifting its focus from narrative to "pedestrian" or "natural" movement.

On Saturday, Steve Paxton, founder of Contact Improvisation, will explore ideas about dance and choreography now. Barbara Moore will show slides of her husband Peter Moore's vintage images, and Joanna Steinberg, a scholar and curator, will discuss the political

90th birthday Sept. 12-15; the elder Mac Low developed poems that were really scores for Forti and other Judsonites. "We're so lucky that Lucinda Childs and Meredith Monk were available for one-night-only events, Sept. 17 and Nov. 19," says Hussie-Taylor.

Also included are younger artists inspired by Judson ideas: Trajal Harrell, Stacy Spence (who performed with Trisha Brown) and curators Patricia Hoffbauer, Melinda Ring and Juliette Mapp.

Coincidentally, several of the same artists will appear at the Museum of Modern Art in November; Paxton and others will gather at Danspace on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 10, to reflect on these performances.

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and artistic history of Judson Church. Yves Candau, a Toronto-based dancer, will demonstrate material Paxton's been developing for years. Stephen Petronio reprises Paxton's 1970 "Intravenous Lecture."

Other Judson icons appearing this fall include Yvonne Rainer, Deborah Hay, David Gordon and Simone Forti, each commissioned to make new pieces. Clarinda Mac Low celebrates her late father Jackson's



► Stacy Spence and Tei Blow will take part in the Judson Now celebration, running through Dec. 1.

Live this weekend

Madonna

Saturday, 8 p.m., Yankee Stadium, 1 E. 161st St., Bronx, \$45-\$600, 800-745-3000, www.yankees.com

At 54, Madonna is still going strong and generating buzz in the pop culture sphere, especially with the release of "MD-

NA," her first studio album since 2008. This is the second show added at Yankee Stadium due to the response for her first. Just don't expect an appearance from A-Rod.

Riot Fest

Saturday, 2 p.m., Williamsburg Park, N. 12th

Street & Kent Ave., \$43, 800-745-3000, www.riotfest.org. Some of the most iconic names in American punk history (Gogol Bordello, Descendents, Hot Water Music, the Menzingers) will gather in Brooklyn to rock out with fast riffs, fists raised and headbanging fans. ■ METRO

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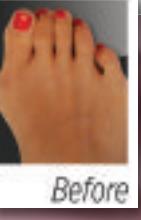
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BRIGHT YOUNG THING

► Tanya Taylor presented her sophomore collection to a packed house on Wednesday at the MoMa

For someone about to present the follow-up to her much buzzed-about debut collection — and in the middle of planning her wedding — Tanya Taylor is freakishly chilled out. While most designers scramble to finish their samples, the newcomer, who originally studied finance before attending Parsons The New School for Design, has her spring line hanging on racks in her SoHo studio two weeks before showtime.

The relaxed vibe is fitting, considering her girl for spring is sipping a daiquiri somewhere on the islands.

"I had this idea of a very sophisticated, interesting lady going on vacation — specifically, at Sandy Lane hotel in Barbados in 1962," explains the 26-year-old. "She's very particular about what she's wearing, and she likes to dress a little over the top."

Holding up an ivory column gown with bright, hand-painted flowers and sparkly embroidery, Taylor adds, "We picture her wearing this to the pool for cocktails. She's her own character."

Taylor's sense for whimsical women is what got the Toronto native noticed in the first place. After a stint at Elizabeth and James, she impressed editors with her debut line of lady-like separates and mismatched looks.

"I design for a girl — probably late 20s, early 30s — who's confident but not an extroverted leader or party girl," she says. "I picture her being a little bit more sophisticated and subtle with her choices and what she wears."

What she's choosing for spring is vibrant colors, cut-out dresses and knits with bold floral prints. They sound perfect for a romantic getaway or summer soiree like, say, a wedding. Taylor's will be held at Sandy Lane in April.

 **TINA CHADHA**
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Review

ERIN by Erin Fetherston

On the steamy third floor of the Standard Hotel, the fashion crowd fanned themselves while models grouped by similar-themed cocktail attire stood around like artwork being admired at a downtown gallery. There was plenty to fawn over, including a cool, cream, '70s-



Q&A: Erin Fetherston

► What keeps you sane during Fashion Week?
I do a short session of yoga each morning and make sure I get some quality time

with my puppies!

- Can you sum up your Spring collection in a Tweet (140 characters or fewer)?
Femininity with an edge.
- What will be your fall staple?
The rose brocade parka from my fall collection and a pair



esque suit, poppy orange ombre gown, playful cheetah print jumpsuit and pale pink ostrich feathered skirt — all less girly and more refined than Fetherston's previous collection for her diffusion line. Then, the designer took the stage to introduce her muse, up-and-coming singer Alexandra McDermott. "She's the star of my look book," said Fetherston, "and I wanted her to be the star of this evening." McDermott, wearing a dreamy dress with white bustier and sparkling gold skirt, certainly looked the part. ● METRO/TC

of dark wash skinny jeans.

- What's the most embarrassing item in your closet?
I get a little too attached to shoes and often wear them longer than I should. I've got a pair of pink ballerina flats that are screaming out for retirement.

Review

BCBG

Max and Lubov Azria carried over fall's moodiness for a spring collection of subversive, sexy looks. Beautifully draped dresses in ethereal tulle and chiffon — in mostly white, black and dusty pink — came strapped with leather harnesses. This contrast of strong with soft continued with the addition of feminine, lingerie-like lace and hip, boyish chambray. Models looked like elegant, vampy, rock 'n' roll bosses — someone who would probably get a talking to from HR if they didn't look so fierce. ● METRO/TC

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Don't worry – he's got a cunning plan

RE: "GOP'S GOT PEOPLE FEELING LUCKY AGAIN" (METRO, SEPT. 5)
 Mr. McLaughlin has it all wrong. You can't clean up an eight-year mess in four years. Romney has no concern for anyone but himself and how wealthy he can get off of your dime. He has in the past done exactly the opposite of his supposed platform. He has directly lost jobs through Bain Capital. He has no plan for the economy other than, "I have a plan." The GOP even has Fox News reporting about the amount of "lies" coming out of the RNC. If Fox News, which is clearly in the Republican pocket, would say this, you can imagine how bad it really is. Despite Mr. Eastwood's rambling farce, nothing was done at

that convention except to prove P.T. Barnum was correct: "There's a sucker born every minute." Romney is counting on this.

BRIAN GRAU, LINDENWOLD, N.J.

RE: "GOP'S GOT PEOPLE FEELING LUCKY AGAIN" (METRO, SEPT. 5)

I'm not sure which people John is referring to, here. and if any one of them are feeling lucky, it's only because they see the Republican nomination as one big table game — and the last time they were allowed to throw the dice, they crapped out big time. Now I know it's not just me, but at the recent RNC I happened to notice a sea of many faces, and out of all of them there were very little if any that represented African-, Latino-, Jewish-, Native- and Asian-American

Americans. I guess the GOP's future plans only encompass mainly the rich white conservative Americans. For if it included anyone else, I'm sure they would have been there in numbers.

JONATHAN PERRY, VIA E-MAIL

Hope drives us more than money

In my view, the question of whether my family is better off now than we were four years ago is not a matter of dollars in our pockets. It is a matter of hope for a more peaceful future, for a society that takes care of its people and the peoples of the world, for a society that allows us the freedom to be who we are, for a society that takes care of its planet, for a society that values edu-

cation and for a society that embraces its diversity and cherishes the contributions of its members. These are values the greed-driven far-right Republican Party finds repugnant.

Shame on them. I am voting for President Barack Obama in November.

LARRY ABRAMSKY, VIA E-MAIL

Dems' vote bucket poked full of holes

RE: "SEX SELLS ... VOTES?" (METRO, SEPT. 6) Paul Simons hasn't got the memo from the DNC — the fake "Republican War on Women" hasn't worked. Romney is up among women and Obama is down.

Not hard to believe, coming from the party of Bill Clinton, Anthony Weiner, John Edwards, Ted Kennedy and Elliott Spitzer. Didn't see that coming. "Republicans support bad sex?"

Looks like someone is supporting MSNBC Kool-Aid, right Paul?

KEVIN METZ, VIA E-MAIL

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Horoscope

1 ♀ Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22. An opportunity might come your way through a very unusual channel. Pay attention if someone with a good track record approaches you with a unique proposition.

2 ♂ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23. If you're negotiating something important, be leery of making unnecessary concessions. You're in a stronger bargaining position than you may realize.

3 ♂ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22. Even though you might be drawn into a problematical situation not of your own making, after everything and everybody settles down it could end up being extremely beneficial.

4 ♀ Taurus April 20-May 20. Because your upbeat attitude has you seeing orchids where others only see weeds, chances are you'll be the one who spots a great opportunity that all of your cohorts are missing.

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7 ♀ Leo July 23-Aug. 22. Even at the expense of shelving an ongoing project, stop and devote some time to getting your latest interest started. Chances are it will turn out to be an entry into a wonderful, new group.

8 ♂ Pisces Feb. 20-March 20. Lady Luck may take it upon herself to engineer two new, potentially profitable developments for you. Each will be completely different from and unrelated to the other.

9 ♂ Aries March 21-April 19. Do your best to put your colleagues at ease. In fact, there could be more than one person with sagging spirits who could use some serious buoying up.

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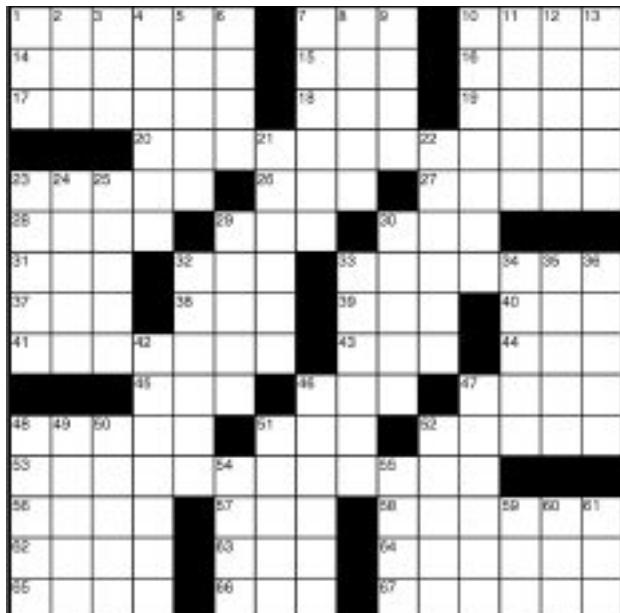
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- 10 Capricorn
- 14 Form a thought
- 15 Groove on
- 16 Alice's chronicler
- 17 Grow canines
- 18 Sentimental drivel
- 19 Bank holding
- 20 Funnel-shaped flower (2 wds.)
- 23 Haciendas
- 26 Coast Guard off.
- 27 Harangues
- 28 Idyll's spot
- 29 Band booking
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- 31 Rapper -- Kim
- 32 Tongues do it
- 33 Boot material
- 37 Underwater shocker
- 38 Cigar residue
- 39 They're below pecs
- 40 Ms. Merkel
- 41 Teems
- 43 Shout
- 44 Merry, in Montmartre
- 45 Rubber-stamps
- 46 "Harper Valley --"
- 47 Chest muscles
- 48 Give one the creeps
- 51 Herr, in Madras
- 52 Particular talent
- 53 Kind of crane (2 wds.)
- 56 Crafty move
- 57 John, in Aberdeen
- 58 Split to join
- 62 British school
- 63 Snapshot
- 64 Presided at tea
- 65 Showed sorrow
- 66 WSW opposite
- 67 Word over a slot

**Down**

- 1 Morse code signal
- 2 Lemon cooler
- 3 Drone
- 4 Masked superhero
- 5 Social mores
- 6 Forest grazer
- 7 Lace or ribbon
- 8 Subatomic particles
- 9 In a tizzy
- 10 Dashing
- 11 Rigel's constellation
- 12 Warn
- 13 Blair and Curtis
- 21 Whinnies
- 22 Slick
- 23 "People" person
- 24 Leave-taking
- 25 Hawks
- 29 Hydrogen and helium
- 30 Striped animal
- 32 Exercise taker
- 33 Acid in milk
- 34 Even bigger
- 35 Pass, as a bill
- 36 Union demand
- 42 Deluge
- 46 "Purple Rain" singer
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In the news

Jets fans pay most for tickets in entire NFL

All those complaints about public seat licenses and increased ticket prices at MetLife Stadium are not without merit. According to Team Marketing Report's its annual study released Thursday, Jets fans pay an average of \$117.94 per ticket. That is first place in the NFL, 10 cents ahead of the rival Patriots. The Giants are the third-most expensive. 

In the news

**Mets losses**

The good news for the Mets is they aren't losing as much money in 2012 as they lost in 2011. But the bad news is they still lost \$23 million, according to the New York Post.

The team lost about \$60 million last season, general manager Sandy Alderson said.

But even the improvement is likely only due to the team slashing payroll, letting the likes of Jose Reyes walk.

Sanchez shouldering weight of Jets' offense

► Quarterback entering fourth season with the team ► Time for him to take leap to top status now ► But he'll need to do it with Tebow lurking

Upon entering the league three years ago, Jets quarterback Mark Sanchez was handed the keys to the team. During training camp of his rookie year, before taking a regular season snap, he was given the nickname "The Sanchez," such was Sanchez's value to the franchise.

It hasn't always turned out the way the Jets envisioned it would.

Now entering his fourth season, Sanchez must do better than last year's modest — at best — progress under center. More rests on his offseason development than at any other time in his young NFL career.

"Physically, I feel the best I



► Sanchez had 26 TDs and 18 interceptions in 2011.

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have felt. My mental approach I feel solid. I feel confident in my throws. I have been fairly accurate and taking care of the ball, so those are the biggest thing I want to improve upon," Sanchez said. "Now it is just [to]

Injury update

► It's unlikely that safety Eric Smith (hip/knee) will play Sunday. He's officially listed as questionable, but Ryan all but ruled him out.

► Tight end Dustin Keller (hamstring) also sat out practice Thursday, but said he plans on playing Sunday.

do that over a long period of time and sustain it for an entire season and I am ready for that."

But factor in the trade for Tim Tebow and it's a recipe for disaster for Sanchez.

"I can't tell you how happy I am with Mark. After the season, I think he was just like the rest of us, myself included. Obviously you're hurt. You can't wait to get back at it. And that's what he did," head coach Rex Ryan said. "His motivation is much more than having Tim Tebow. He wants to be great and he's making strides to be the quarterback we want here."

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► Umenyiora

Giants stung over division loss to Dallas

The Giants returned to work on Thursday licking their wounds following their season-opening loss to the Cowboys.

Despite the contest being just one of 16 games, New York was smarting over the way the Cowboys dominated them. Ultimately, it was just a seven-point loss, but to many within the locker room, it weighed heavier because it was also a divisional game.

"You never want to lose to a division opponent," Osi Umenyiora said. "The quickest way to the playoffs is through your division and we're now one down on them. ... But we'll find a way to fight back. We've done it before."

Head coach Tom Coughlin piggybacked off those sentiments on Thursday afternoon, lamenting the team's malaise.

"It's alarming that we would make the [playoff] run that we did [last season] and then come back with some of these same issues," Coughlin said.

"Two of the three practices we had last week weren't good enough."

● TONY WILLIAMS

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3 STORYLINES TO WATCH

► Week 1: New York Jets vs. Buffalo Bills, MetLife Stadium
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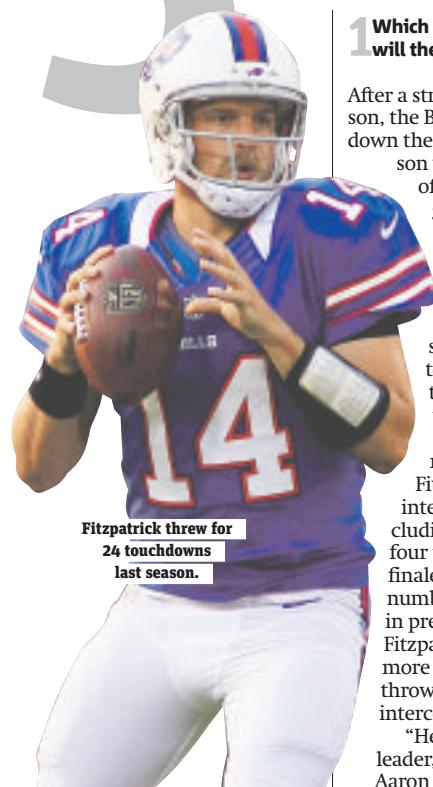
1 Which Ryan Fitzpatrick will the Jets see?

After a strong start to last season, the Bills offense fizzled down the stretch — a big reason why Buffalo lost eight of their last nine games.

The decline was directly tied to the performance of quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick, who signed a contract extension midseason then plummeted statistically. Six times in the season's final nine games

Fitzpatrick had multi-interception efforts, including being picked off four times in the season finale at New England. His numbers weren't perfect in preseason, but Fitzpatrick looked far more settled and didn't throw a single interception.

"He's their bona fide leader," Jets linebacker Aaron Maybin said.



Fitzpatrick threw for 24 touchdowns last season.



2 Will Austin Howard step up on the line?

The struggles of the Jets offensive line during preseason are well documented, with perennial whipping boy Wayne Hunter conceding three sacks against the Giants in the second preseason game.

Hunter is now gone and Austin Howard is the starting right tackle, meaning that Mario Williams must be licking his lips. Entering his seventh season in the league, Williams has 53 career sacks and is going against a player in Howard with just one career start.

"We are trying to rush four straight and get it done," Williams said. "That is the goal."



3 It's finally time to unveil the Wildcat

It has been wall-to-wall Wildcat talk in Florham Park these days, with the Jets finally set to roll out their great offensive wrinkle on Sunday.

Throughout preseason it has been a giant secret, with the Jets refusing to utilize the Wildcat and expose their game plan. The Jets used the Wildcat in 2009 and 2010 with current Bills wide receiver Brad Smith, but they've never had someone with the skillset of Tim Tebow to use in the role.

Bills head coach Chan Gailey admitted he didn't know what to expect from Tebow or the Wildcat, a clear advantage for the Jets in their game prep. ● METRO/KD

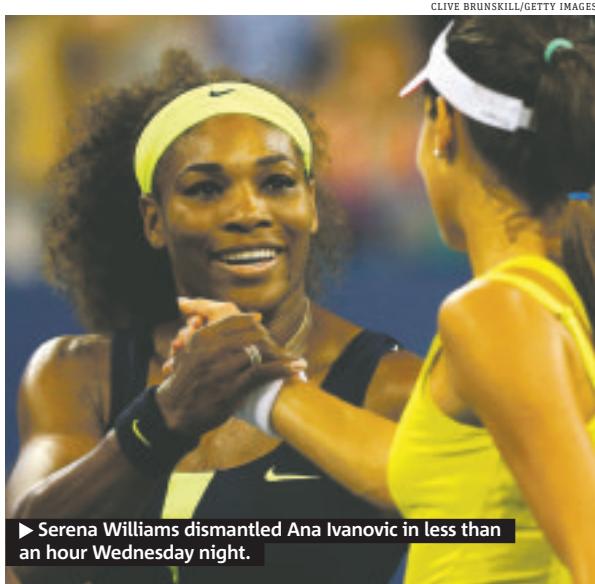
Amukamara wants to play

Cornerback Prince Amukamara still isn't running due to a high-ankle sprain, but he still hopes to play next week against Tampa Bay.

Coughlin said he admires the youngster's toughness but doesn't know if he'll be available.

"I'm not sure about that guy, but he's trying like heck, though."

Reserve corner Michael Coe said he felt fine Thursday. ● METRO/TW



Serena will be tough out

► Williams looking for major title
No. 15 ► Odds on favorite to take it

Serena Williams wants to go out with a bang.

With the U.S. Open semifinals and finals looming Friday and Saturday, Williams wants to add yet another major championship — the 15th of her career — to her trophy case.

"Just go out with a bang," said Williams, a three-time U.S. Open champ who last won here in 2008. "Just do the best that I can. That's what I want to do."

In Friday's semis, No. 4 Williams faces No. 10 Sara Errani of Italy in one match, while No. 1 Victoria Azarenka meets No. 3 Maria Sharapova in the other.

The final is set for prime-time Saturday night on CBS.

Twice in the last three years, Serena has been undone by her own temper when she exploded at Open officials at critical times late in the tournament.

If she can avoid a similar

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meltdown and keep serving at such a blistering pace, she will be tough to beat.

Williams, who many feel has the best serve in the history of the women's game, leads the women's draw with 41 aces and is tied for the fastest serve at 124 mph.

"She was serving unbelievable," former world No. 1 Ana Ivanovic said after Williams beat her, 6-1, 6-3, in 58 minutes in the quarterfinals. "She was hardly missing serves. That puts a lot of pressure on opponents' own service games."

Asked if she would be surprised if Williams didn't win the tournament, Ivanovic laughed and said, "Yeah, very."

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Yankees face crucial series at O's

The words "Orioles" and "big series" still don't sound right together.

Yet the Yankees traveled to Baltimore Thursday night to begin what is unquestionably the biggest series of their season — so far.

"Big, big series," said catcher Russell Martin. "The Orioles have been tough all year. But it

gets down to just staying with in ourselves and doing what we have to do."

What they have to do is at least win the series if they want to hold onto their one game lead in the AL East come Sunday night.

The Yankees would love to get slugger Mark Teixeira, a Baltimore-area native, back in the



lineup to help them accomplish that. Teixeira, who has been out since Aug. 27 with a strained left calf, said he would like to play Friday.

Manager Joe Girardi seemed less confident, saying Thursday he was "not anticipating" Teixeira playing on Friday, though getting him back this series seems very possible. ■ METRO

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